

WNGEA QUARTERLY MEETING AGENDA
Wednesday, 21 January 2025/JFHQ's/1600-1800/Room 160

- 01 [] Call to Order, Pledge Of Allegiance. Announcements. Introductions of new people and special guests, if present.
- 02 [] Area V Directors Update (if present)
- 03 [] Unscheduled Guests or Presentations
- 04 [] Previous Meeting minutes. (If no changes, President accepts minutes)
- 05 [] Treasurer Report. (If no changes, President accepts report)
- 06 [] Ways and Means (No Report).
- 07 [] Executive Director Report.
- 08 [] Legislative Report – National
- 09 [] Legislative Report – State
- 10 [] Resolutions Report. (Changes presented. Motions to approve.)
- 11 [] Membership and Marketing Report - Army and Air Team
- 12 [] Junior Enlisted Report - Joint Army-Air Report
- 13 [] Retiree Affairs Report
- 14 [] Corporate Partnership Report
- 15 [] Bylaws Report. (Changes, approval motions).
- 16 [] Publications Report.
- 17 [] Education Selection Report
- 18 [] Awards Report
- 19 [] Insurance Report
- 20 [] Leader of Prayer Report
- 21 [] Historian Report
- 22 [] Special Projects Report
- 23 [] WEB Manager

24 [] **OLD BUSINESS** - Tabled motions from previous meetings not finished or approved.

- **2026 Legislative Meet and Greet (20 January WI Veterans Museum (1630-1830)**

ANY ADDITIONAL OLD WNGEA BUSINESS TO PRESENT?

25 [] **NEW BUSINESS** - New motions for action. Future Scheduled events.

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26 [] **GOOD OF THE ORDER:** - (Non-WNGEA Items of interest, Non-Official Business)

27 [] Next Quarterly Meeting Date and location: Location: Friday, 24 April, Rothschild, WI
Start Time: 1600-1700, State Ballroom (B2)

28 [] ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING: TIME: _____

Notes

**WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION
2400 WRIGHT STREET, MADISON, WI 53704**

**WNGEA QUARTERLY MEETING
JFHQ's, 2400 Wright Street, Room 160
Madison, WI 53704
DATE: 29 October 2025**

NOTE: These minutes as presented, are unofficial until approved by the WNGEA Executive Council at the next council meeting.

01. Call to Order: The WNGEA Joint Executive Council meeting was called to order by the President at 1600. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Special guests introduced and attended the meeting included Col Jeannie Jeanetta, Chief of Staff, Joint Staff, WINGA President and WNGEA member, State Command Chief Chad Workman.

- Col Jeannie Jeanetta distributed an informational handout regarding three proposed bills to include Housing & Property Tax Relief, Education Benefits, and Defining “Veteran” Consistently. She reviewed these with members and explained why they matter. A bill is still needed to be drafted for Tax Fairness for Service Members. See attachment for more details.
- The Wisconsin National Guard Association (WINGA) and Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association (WNGEA) are dedicated to supporting legislation that strengthens housing, education, tax relief, and career opportunities for our service members, veterans, and their families. By passing these measures, Wisconsin can ensure fairness, improve readiness, and honor the sacrifices of those who serve.
- Chief Chad Workman discussed TRI-West issues that members from the Madison Area seem to be having. He stated that he needs more data/documentation on the specific issues and that they should be brought to his attention as they are happening in order for him to do anything about it. He recommended that WNGEA members email the representatives so they are aware the issues.

02. Area V Directors Update:

- WNGEA Legislative Manager Jason Walker (CMSgt) was nominated for Air Guard Committee Chair at the National level which interacts with EFAC and EANGUS.
- EANGUS is exploring purchasing property (possibly a townhouse) for future meetings to be held at. Next meeting is scheduled for November 15, 2025.

03. Unscheduled Guests or Presentations.

- There were no unscheduled guests or presentations at this meeting.

04. Previous Meeting Minutes: The meeting minutes for 19 July 2025 were accepted by the President.

05. Treasurer's Report: Present, written report on file.

- Treasurer's Report was accepted by the President.

06. Ways & Means Report: Not Present, no written report on file.

07. Executive Director Report: Present, written report on file.

08. Legislative Report - National: Not Present, no written report on file.

- Virtual Learning will be held in late January or early February.
- More details to come.

09. Legislative Report - State: Present, no written report on file.

10. Resolutions Report: Present, no written report on file

- Resolutions Proposals Report will be put into the next Bucky Bulletin.

11. Membership & Marketing Report – Army-Air Team: Present, no written report on file.

- Stephanie has created an Instagram account for WNGEA. She plans to link it with WNGEA's Facebook account. WNGEA Facebook account has been more active but still needs more posts.
- Stephanie suggested possibly holding a Pie-in-the-Face Fundraiser at the State Conference. Members liked that idea. Further discussion will continue.

12. Junior Enlisted Report: Joint Army-Air Report: Present, no written report on file.

- Junior Enlisted Council is in the process of being revised. A representative is needed.

13. Retiree Affairs Report: Present, no written report on file.

14. Corporate Partnership Report: Position Vacant, no report on file.

15. Bylaws Report: Not Present, written report on file.

- No changes at this time.

16. Publications Report: Not present, written report on file.

- Patti stated that the electronic Bucky Bulletin is very informative and everyone did a great job of submitting their articles. Gary will email it out to everyone by next Tuesday.
- Deadline to submit articles for the Bucky Bulletin's Spring Edition is mid-February.

17. Education Selection Report: Present, no written report on file.

- There will be three \$1000 Scholarship Awards for enlisted to apply for and they will be announced in the Spring Edition of the Bucky Bulletin. Deadline to apply is June 1, 2026.

18. Awards Report: Present, no written report on file.

19. Insurance Report: Present, no written report on file.

- For more information regarding the State Sponsored Life Insurance Program you can go to WNGEA's website at www.wngea.org.
- The Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association also has established a grant program. The following persons are eligible: WNGEA members, unmarried son or daughter of WNGEA members, spouse of WNGEA members, and unmarried son, daughter, or spouse of deceased WNGEA members. Applicants must be enrolled as a full-time, part-time (minimum 9 credits), graduate or undergraduate student at a college, university, trade, or business school. To find more information about this program and the application go to WNGEA's website at www.wngea.org.

20. Leader of Prayer's Report: Present, written report on file.

21. Historian Report: Not Present, no written report on file.

22. Special Projects Report: Present, no written report on file.

23. WEB Manager: Present, no written report on file.

- WNGEA website has a variety of resources/links to explore. Gary Hans, Corporate Partnership Manager serving as our Executive Director, continues to keep it updated.

24. OLD BUSINESS:

2025 EANGUS Conference, Grand Sierra Resort, Reno, NV (10-15 August 2025)

- The 2025 EANGUS Conference was held on 11-14 with August 10 and 15 being travel days.
 - President: Josh Baker
 - Vice President: Mireya Cruz
 - Treasurer: Ashley Brodnax
 - Secretary: Marsha Adams

2025 \$1000 Scholarships Winners:

- Alison Buck – CSM (Ret) Donald C. Meister Scholarship
 - Sponsor: CSM John buck, 64th Troop Command, WIARNG
- Brianna Oreskovic-Childs – USAA Scholarship
 - Sponsor: SGT Michelle Oreskovic, 132d (2-127th IN) FSC
- Katie Nickel – USAA Scholarship
 - Sponsor: SMSgt. Logan Nickel, 115th Fighter Wing (FW)

2025 Officer/Enlisted Sportsman Challenge, Sun Prairie, WI (19 Sep 2025)

- The 2025 Officer/Enlisted Sportsman Challenge was held at the North Bristol Sportsman's Club in Sun Prairie, WI on Friday, September 19, 2025.
- Curtis attended the Sportsman Challenge.
- Alex has volunteered to help with future events and his co-worker, Levia Park, is also interested in helping out.

2025 Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD), Fort McCoy, WI (27 Sep 2025)

- The 2025 Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) was held at Fort McCoy on 27 Sep 2025.
- Bobbie Coker, Steve Berry, and Alex Kilbane attended and manned a table.

2025 DCSO 3rd Annual Veterans Shoot, Dane County Range (12 November 2025)

- The 2025 Dane County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) will be holding their 3rd Annual Veterans Shoot at the Dane County Range on Wednesday, November 12, 2025.

25. NEW BUSINESS:**2026 EANGUS Presidents/Legislative Workshop, Washington DC (Feb 2026/Virtual)****2026 EANGUS Legislative Quarterly Summit, Washington DC (March 2026)**

- More details to come.

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- Stephanie plans to create a signup roster for people who would be interested in attending the 2026 WINGA/WNGEA Annual Conference/Professional Development.

2026 Area V Caucus, Fargo, ND (12-14 Jun 2026 tentative)

- Members discussed and voted for dates for the 2026 Area V Caucus to be held and chose 8-10 June 2026. Other dates included 12-14 June 2026, 16-18 June 2026, 19-21 June 2026, 22-24 June 2026, and 26-28 June 2026.
- The 2026 Area V Caucus will be hosted by IA, NE, and SD.
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2027 WING Annual Conference, Ingelside Hotel, Pewaukee (16-17 April 2027)

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2027 Area V Caucus, Sioux City, SD**2027 EANGUS Conference, Palm Springs, CA****26. GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

A. Next Quarterly Meeting: Location: JFHQs, Room 160

Date/Start Time: Wednesday, 21 January 2026 at 1600

B. Close of Meeting.

MOTION: State Legislative & Scholarships Functional Manager

Seconded: Membership & Marketing Functional Manager

Discussion: None

Vote: Passed by voice.

Meeting adjourned at 1747 hrs.

Rhonda Martinson

WNGEA Secretary

Transcribed 15 November 2025

	Account	2025 Approved Budget 27-Oct-24	2025 Actual Budget as of: 31 Dec 2025	2026 Approved Budget 29-Oct-25
Acct Code				
4010	WINGA Insurance Trust	\$44,000.00	\$47,000.00	\$44,000.00
4020	Membership Dues	\$6,000.00	\$5,501.13	\$6,000.00
4040	Ways & Means Sales	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
4050	Interest Income	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
4060	Misc Income	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
4070	USAA Education Grant	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
4075	State Conference Income	\$10,000.00	\$13,258.38	\$10,000.00
4080	Raffle Income	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
4085	Area V Caucus Income	\$0.00	\$1,416.00	\$0.00
4090	Donations	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
	TOTAL INCOME	61,850.00	69,175.51	61,850.00
	EXPENSES			
5020	Raffle Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
6010	EANGUS Dues	\$2,500.00	\$3,224.00	\$2,500.00
6050	Membership Expense	\$2,200.00	\$472.59	\$2,200.00
6100	WNGEA Grants	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,500.00
6120	Awards	\$900.00	\$742.30	\$900.00
6200	Payroll Expense	\$9,600.00	\$11,192.40	\$9,600.00
6205	W.C. Insurance Expense	\$300.00	\$252.00	\$300.00
6210	Executive Director Expense	\$3,000.00	\$1,897.47	\$3,000.00
6300	Professional Fees	\$1,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,000.00
6350	Bank Service Charges	\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
6400	Association Office	\$3,200.00	\$1,958.41	\$3,200.00
6500	Publications Expense	\$3,000.00	\$3,187.03	\$3,000.00
6600	Presidents Fund	\$3,000.00	\$1,829.87	\$3,000.00
6650	State Conference Expense	\$20,000.00	\$19,119.54	\$20,000.00
6670	Executive Council Mtg Exp	\$700.00	\$16.52	\$700.00
6700	National/Legislative Seminar	\$8,000.00	\$18,180.04	\$8,000.00
6790	Regional Educational Seminar	\$500.00	\$651.00	\$500.00
6850	Committee Expense	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
6950	Taxes	\$100.00	\$25.00	\$100.00
6980	Permits, License, Fees	\$50.00	\$10.00	\$50.00
6999	Misc Expense	\$0.00	\$1,147.15	\$0.00
8010	Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Total Expenses	\$61,700.00	\$68,105.32	\$61,700.00

Submitted By: Gary R. Hans, Treasurer, WNGEA



WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED ASSOCIATION
“Serving the Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Forces since 1972”

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT (January 2026)

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Until you take the time to attend National Conference you will not fully understand the impact the National Association has on issues that affect you.

You will be able to sit on National Committees, vote on relevant Enlisted issues and meet our EANGUS Legislative Directors who works for our issues on a daily basis. We hope to have a strong delegation representing Wisconsin to include our Senior Enlisted Leadership.

The WNGEA does set monies aside to reimbursement personnel who attend the EANGUS Conference in a delegate status. Contact the undersigned if you are interested in attending the 2026 Enlisted Association Conference as a delegate in Daytona Beach, FL. We are always interested in having new personnel attend the National Conference. Contact the Executive Director for bulk registrations.

Wisconsin will also be hosting 5 personnel to attend the EANGUS Conference from the Army and Air National Guard to attend the Professional Development Classes. If you are interested in attending in a Professional Development status contact your Chain of Command and show them this article or contact the undersigned for additional information.

Be sure to review the WNGEA.org and EANGUS.org websites:

Please visit our websites at www.WNGEA.org and www.EANGUS.org. These sites are constantly updated with current information and presents a wealth of information that will keep you up to date on current legislation and resolutions that affect the enlisted force of the Wisconsin National Guard.

Download our App (WNGEA)

Go to the App Store and download our App (WNGEA) for current information at your fingertips. You will have access to the WNGEA.ORG website, current information on our Annual Wisconsin National Guard Conference and current issues of the EANGUS New Patriot and the Wisconsin Bucky Bulletin.

The Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association (WNGEA) is a voluntary membership organization. Its purpose is to foster and improve the National Guard, promote the welfare, status, and professionalism of all enlisted members of the Wisconsin National Guard. We are your voice on Capitol Hill.

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FW: WINGA/WNGEA Meet & Greet

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Subject: WINGA/WNGEA Meet & Greet

Greetings -

Who: WINGA/WNGEA Members and our state legislators (37 RSVPs-attached) Individuals that RSVPed Maybe said it depends on how long they are on the floor.

What: Meet and Greet - Tell our story

Where: Wisconsin Veterans Museum, 30 W Mifflin St, Madison, WI 53707

Why: Tell our story, meet our legislators, discuss our initiatives

When: Tuesday, January 20 from 1630-1830

Reminder: Business Attire - No Uniforms

Attached an excel spreadsheet of anything related to veterans

Attached our flyer for our initiatives.

Looking forward to seeing you tomorrow.

Jeannie

301-356-1131



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Wisconsin National Guard Association

Wisconsin National Guard Enlisted Association

Supporting Our Service Members, Families, and Veterans

Housing & Property Tax Relief

Support SB 664 / AB 686 – Expand Wisconsin Veterans & Surviving Spouses Property Tax Credit

- **Lower the Disability Threshold** – Reduce the eligibility requirement from 100% to 70% service-connected disability, allowing more disabled veterans and surviving spouses to qualify for meaningful property tax relief.
- **Proportional Credit for Partial Disability** – Provide a proportional property tax credit for veterans with disability ratings between 70% and 99%, multiplying the credit by the claimant's VA disability percentage to better reflect the severity of service-connected injuries.
- **Maintain Existing Protections** – Preserve current eligibility for veterans rated at 100% service-connected disability and ensure the legislation does **not** alter benefits for veterans rated based on individual unemployability.

Why It Matters - Expanding this credit honors the service and sacrifice of disabled veterans, reduces housing insecurity, and supports long-term stability for military families.

Education Benefits

Support AB 47 / SB 59 – Modernize eligibility for the Wisconsin GI Bill

- **Eliminate the Outdated “Five-Year” Rule** – Remove the legacy requirement that a veteran must have lived in Wisconsin for five consecutive years prior to applying for tuition remission.
- **In-State Tuition for National Guard Members** – Extend in-state tuition to *all* members of the Wisconsin National Guard, regardless of prior residency — like how Wisconsin already supports Active-Duty Service Members.
- **Family Access & Stability** – Preserve tuition remission for veterans, spouses, and children if they are Wisconsin residents at the time of enrollment.

New - SB 640 updates eligibility requirements for the Wisconsin GI Bill by modernizing outdated residency rules that can unintentionally exclude veterans and Guard members due to the mobile nature of military service.

- **Reduces the Residency Requirement** – Shortens the required period of Wisconsin residency prior to eligibility (from five years to three years).
- **Maintains Wisconsin Residency Tie** – Requires the veteran or dependent to be a Wisconsin resident at the time benefits are used.
- **Incremental Reform Approach** – Improves access while maintaining existing program structure and fiscal controls.
- **Focus on Veterans & Dependents** – Applies primarily to veterans, spouses, and children, without fully addressing Guard member in-state tuition parity.

⌚ **SB 640** improves the Wisconsin GI Bill by **shortening** the residency requirement but **keeps residency-based barriers in place**.

⌚ **AB 47 / SB 59** fully modernize the program by **removing outdated residency rules**, extending **in-state tuition to all Wisconsin National Guard members**, and aligning Wisconsin with the realities of military service.

Why It Matters - Removing housing-based barriers to education honors service, unlocks workforce potential, and ensures Wisconsin remains a top destination for military families to *live, learn, and stay*.

§ Tax Fairness for Service Members

Support Legislation to Exempt Annual Training & Drill Pay from Wisconsin Income Tax

- **Eliminate the Current Gap** – Wisconsin exempts full-time Active-Duty pay yet still taxes the required **Annual Training (AT)** and monthly **Inactive Duty Training (IDT)** **drill weekends** that Guard members must perform to remain ready for state and federal missions.
- **Follow a Proven Model** – Update **Wis. Stat. §71.05(6)(b)34** (or similar statute) to **include AT and IDT pay** as exempt income.
- **Recruitment & Retention Advantage** – Wisconsin competes nationally for talent. Half of Guard units report personnel shortages. This policy would offer a retention tool that keeps trained Soldiers and Airmen in uniform.
- **Fairness for the Dual-Mission Force** – The National Guard is the only force activated by the Governor to respond to natural disasters, civil unrest, cyber emergencies, and statewide crisis support — those who serve our communities should not pay more for the privilege of doing so.
- **Meaningful Financial Relief** – Guard members rely on drill pay to support their families. Reducing tax burden puts money back into local economies and helps service members stay in Wisconsin.

Why It Matters

This change **rewards continued service** and strengthens readiness — ensuring Wisconsin has the trained forces needed during fires, floods, blizzards, or mobilizations abroad. Guard members should not be taxed differently for the same uniform they wear to defend Wisconsin and our nation.

¶ Defining “Veteran” Consistently

Support Alignment of Wisconsin Statute § 45.01(12) with the Federal Definition

- **Close the Current Gap** – Wisconsin’s definition of “veteran” is narrower and inconsistent with the federal standard used by the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). This creates confusion, duplicate eligibility checks, and unintended denial of benefits to those who have served honorably.
- **Federal Standard is Clear and Inclusive** – A veteran is anyone who served in the active military, naval, army, air, or space service and was discharged under conditions other than dishonorable, including:
 - Active duty
 - Active duty for training where the member was disabled or died in the line of duty
 - Inactive duty for training where the member was disabled or died in the line of duty
 - Service where a discharge status was later upgraded or reviewed under the VA’s established process
- **Wisconsin Currently Adds Extra Barriers** – In some programs, eligibility is tied to length of service, specific campaign badges, discharge dates, or residency requirements — none of which appear in the federal baseline definition.
- **Administrative Efficiency** – Aligning with the federal definition would allow Wisconsin agencies to simply accept VA determinations, reducing paperwork, appeals, and delays for veterans and surviving families.

New: SB 387 / AB 389 – Expand Definition of Veteran

Summary: Expands the statutory definition of “veteran” to allow more individuals to indicate veteran status on Wisconsin driver licenses and state IDs, improving access to veteran identification and benefits.

Contact

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2026 WINGA/WNGEA State Conference Highlights

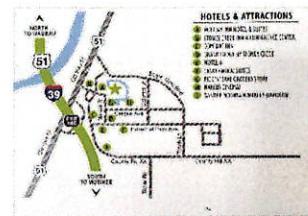


- Friday Ice Breaker Social
- Corporate Partner Trade Show
- Joint Opening Ceremony
- Professional Development (PD)
- EANGUS Exec. Dir. CSM (Ret) John Gipe
- Legislative Briefing
- TAG/DAG Briefings
- Saturday Evening Awards Banquet
- Complimentary Hospitality Room
- Friday & Saturday night Childcare
- Four Complimentary Meals

2026 WINGA/WNGEA
State Conference
24-26 April

Central WI Convention and Expo Center
10101 Market Street
Rothschild, WI

Join your fellow soldiers, airmen, and veterans for food, fun, and fellowship. Professional development sessions for Company Grade Officers and Enlisted will be available. Lodging available at the Holiday Inn Express or the Stoney Creek Hotel.



- Early bird registration is 1 April. Go to <https://wngea.org/conference/> or scan QRC to the right on top.
- Hotel rooms are \$98 (single), \$98 (double)/night plus 15% tax. Call 715.355.1111, Group Code: NAT or scan the QRC to the right on the bottom. Hotel room block closes on 10 April.
- Friday night Ice Breaker Social includes a buffet dinner, vendor bingo, and raffle. Attire for Saturday is business casual. Attire for Saturday evening Awards Banquet is Class A/Mess Dress or business comparable.
- Download conference app by searching for "WNGEA"



Joint Officer and Enlisted State Conference and Professional Development
Central WI Convention & Expo Center and Holiday Inn, 24-26 April 2026

Day	Start	End	Function	Host	Room/Moderator	Set-up/AV	Attendance
Friday	Noon	3:00 pm	Set-up Registration and Exhibit area	WINGA WNGEA	Expo Center Use Concession area for storage.	House provides 3 skirted six-foot tables with 6 chairs.	4
Friday	3:00 pm	7:30 pm	Conference Registration • Gift from Conf Comm? • Swag bags from WINGA/WNGEA	WINGA WNGEA	Expo Center	Same as above.	5
Friday	3:00 pm	9:00 pm	Set-up Exhibit Area	WINGA	3:00 pm - 6:00 pm: Vendor set-up around perimeter of Grand Ballroom. 20 skirted vendor tables and 2 chairs each. 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Exhibits open POC: Mike Williams Grand Ballroom	18 vendors maximum	
Friday	4:00 pm	5:00 pm	WNGEA Business Meeting	WNGEA	State Ballroom B2		
Friday	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Child Care	Conf Comm	Suite 1 (Expo)		
Friday	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Ice Breaker Social Theme: Northwoods Lumberjack Menu: beef tips, ham, potato, veg, & salad	Levi Parker	MCs: Bobbie Coker and Curtis Leren. Welcome, bingo, and 50:50 raffle.	POC: ? (2 room keys)	
Friday	9:00 pm	12:00 am	Joint WINGA/WNGEA Hospitality Room	WINGA WNGEA	State Ballroom B3	Open bar beverages for conference attendees. Require 3 bartenders.	All

					Scattered rounds and hi-top tables.	
Saturday	7:30 am	9:00 am	Registration	WINGA WNGEA	Expo Center	Same set-up as Friday.
Saturday	7:30 am	8:30 am	Buffet Breakfast Menu: Power Breakfast: scrambled eggs, French toast, sausage links.	WINGA WNGEA	POC: Mike Williams Salon A1, A3, A4	Breakfast Buffet Round tables.
Saturday	7:30 am	8:30 am	Warrant Officer Breakfast	WING	CW5 Charles Mattison Salon A5	Boardroom table with 10 chairs.
Saturday	8:00 am	8:45 am	Officer and NCO Company Grade PD 8:00-8:20: MG Strub 8:20-8:30: Army Officer Election 8:30-8:45: Open discussion	WINGA WNGEA	Speaker: MG Matthew Strub, WI TAG. Moderators: Mitch Hoh and Curtis Leren. State Ballroom B2	House provides powered AV cart, podium, wireless mic, and screen. Head table w/4 chairs. WINGA provides laptop. Classroom style.
Saturday	8:00 am	8:45 am	Retiree Caucus 1. Introductions 2. Director election	WINGA	Moderator: Troy Bittner Salon A6	U-shape table with 20 chairs
Saturday	8:00 am	8:45 am	Joint Opening Session Rehearsal	WING	MC, Association Presidents and EDs, Host Commander, Color Guard, etc. Grand Ballroom	20 chairs
Saturday	8:45 am	9:00 am	Break			15
Saturday	9:00 am	10:15 am	Joint Opening Session PD 9:00-9:20: Welcome by Assoc. Presidents and Host Unit Commanders. Color Guard by 32 IBCT? (colors posted on stage) National Anthem vocalist: ? Invocation by: ? 9:20-9:45: TAG 9:45-10:15: EANGUS ED, CSM (Ret) John Gipe	WINGA WNGEA 32 IBCT	Moderators: MC and Association Presidents Guest speakers: MG Strub, DG speaker. Grand Ballroom	House provides powered AV cart, screens (3), projector, risers (8' x 12'), podium w/ wireless mic, table on each side of podium w/2 chairs each, Lavalier mic. WINGA provide laptop. Two wireless mic on stands in the audience. Round tables. Coffee service available. Tardown vendor tables after Joint Session.

Saturday	9:00 am	4:00 pm	Green Room		Suite 5	Boardroom table with 12 chairs. House provides water and snacks.
Saturday	10:15 am	10:30 am	Break			
Saturday	10:30 am	11:45 am	WINGA Annual Business Meeting 1. Early Bird checks 2. WINGA Awards 3. Assoc. Business 4. Officer Elections	WINGA President Grand Ballroom	Moderator: WINGA President Grand Ballroom	Round tables. Head table with six chairs, podium, wireless mic, AV cart with projector. One wireless mic on stand in audience.
Saturday	10:30 am	11:45 am	EANGUS/WNGEA 101 WNGEA Business Meeting	WNGEA President and ED State Ballroom B2	Moderator: WNGEA President and ED State Ballroom B2	Classroom. Head table with six chairs, podium, wireless mic, AV cart with projector.
Saturday	11:45 pm	1:00 pm	PD Buffet Luncheon Menu: Hot turkey sandwich with potato salad, baked beans, vegetable tray	PD Committee	Speaker: EANGUS Legislative Briefing Moderator: ? Salon A1, A3, A4	Banquet tables set-up. Have PIP reps stand and be recognized. PP slide show with WINGA laptop.
Saturday	1:00 pm	1:15 pm	Speaker/Topic: "Legislative Briefing" by EANGUS ED, CSM (Ret) John Gipe	Break		
Saturday	1:15 pm	2:15 pm	Enlisted Professional Development • CCMST Workman and CSM Neyer	WNGEA	State Ballroom B2 Moderator: ?	Same room set-up
Saturday	1:15 pm	2:15 pm	Officer Professional Development • BG Aderman, Brig Gen Van Roo	WINGA	State Ballroom B4 Moderator: ?	Classroom style.
Saturday	1:15 pm	2:15 pm	Spouse/Guest Connection Session	Tina Strub	Tina Strub and other senior leader spouses. Salon A5	U-shape setup. No AV. Self-serve bar (wine, beer, soda, water). Snacks?
Saturday	2:15 pm	2:30 pm	Break	PD Comm	Speakers: MG Strub Moderator: Justin Hofmann & Curtis Leven. Salon A1, A3, A4	Same set-up with banquet rounds. Add skirted head table with 3 chairs and 1 wireless mics. Two wireless mics on stands in the audience.
Saturday	2:30 pm	3:30 pm	WING Leadership Panel (PD)			Same setup as Spouse/Guest Connection
Saturday	2:30 pm	3:30 pm	Spouse Activity?	Alyssa Hofmann	Salon A5	25

Saturday	3:30 pm	6:00 pm	Free Time	WINGA WNGEA	Hallway outside Grand Ballroom	2 tables with 2 chairs.	3
Saturday	5:30 pm	6:00 pm	Banquet Registration	WINGA WNGEA	POC: Betsy TaylorHart		
Saturday	6:00 pm	9:00 pm	Child Care	Conf Comm Conf Comm	Suite 1 POC: ?	WINGA/WNGEA provide snacks and beverages	10
Saturday	6:00 pm	7:00 pm	Social Hour Army Band	Conf Comm	Grand Ballroom	House provides Cash Bar (2 bartenders)	175
Saturday	7:00 pm	9:00 pm	Awards Banquet Army Band	Betsy TaylorHart	MCS: ?	Banquet rounds for 8 (no head table). Reserve 5 tables up front for VIPs (TAG, two DAGs, and two Assoc. Pres.). Provide 2 podiums with mics on risers with 2 skirted table in between for awards. AV cart w/projector, and 2 screens for PowerPoint.	225
			Menu: Buffet; pork, cordon bleu, mashed potatoes, CA blend vegetable. Dinner served at 7:30. NGB Video? POW/MIA Table SOY/AOY Awards SSI Raffle		Grand Ballroom		
			Army Band performs during dinner 7:30-8:15 pm.				
			Dress Code: military/business				
Saturday	9:00 pm	12:00 am	Joint Hospitality Rooms	WINGA WNGEA	State Ballroom B3	Open bar, 3 bartenders. Same room set-up as Friday.	All
Sunday	8:30 am	9:30 am	Buffet Breakfast	WINGA WNGEA	Salon A1, A3, A4	Rounds of 8.	125
Sunday	9:30 am	11:00 am	Army Professional Development (PD)	PD Comm.	Speakers: MG Mathew Strub, CSM Duane Weyer, CWS Mattison	Classroom, podium, wireless mic.	75
Sunday	9:30 am	11:00 am	Air Professional Development (PD)	PD Comm.	Speakers: Brig Gen Van Roo, DAG, CCM Sgt Chad Workman	Classroom, podium, wireless mic.	50
						State Ballroom B2	

1. All meeting rooms will have complimentary water service.
2. "PD" is Professional Development and TBD is "To Be Determined."